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## 1989 will be recalled as the year of the economic downturn

Events pile up, one on top of another, and the newspaper reports them weekly, without being able to say to its readers which stories relate to trends and which are simply momentary occurrences. In this year-end wrap-up, however, The Citizen's editorial staff has attempted to rank the year's stories from 1 to 10 in terms of which stories of the past year—and which issues—will likely have lasting impact on our lives and on our towns.

### #1: Economy slows down

Whereas the local economy was on a roll from 1985 through 1987, consumers nationwide began curtailing their spending following the stock market crash of October 1987. Signs of sluggishness began appearing in the local economy in the summer of 1988 and the Christmas shopping spurge of that year didn't happen. Economic activity continued to decline in 1989. Locally, the effect of reduced consumer demand and higher interest rates was felt first in the real estate market. Real estate transactions in Newry, which had peaked at 296 in 1988 slumped to 219 in 1989 and will likely be lower when the 1989 totals are in.

Norway, where real estate transactions peaked at 335 for 1987, saw sales drop to a total of 263 for 1988. Sales of Bethel real estate declined from a high of 272 in 1988 to 261 in 1989.

The weakness in the real estate market manifested itself in the numbers of multi-unit and commercial projects approved by the Bethel Planning Board but left undeveloped by the developers. As reported by The Citizen last summer, among the largest of these were the Bethel Crossing shopping center on Bridge Street and The Mill at Sunday River mini-mall on the Sunday River Road. The Bethel Inn trimmed back its country club condominium plans by holding off on 20 units already approved. Mill Brook condominiums—40 units off Bridge Street—was never started and is up for sale. The 40-unit Shallowbrook condominium project off the Rabbit Road was also put on the shelf. And in Newry, a 250-unit project on the hillside between the Sunday River valley and the Bear River valley was brought to the Planning Board but recently has dropped from discussion.

The decline in local construction activity meant that tradespeople found themselves with more leisure time than in years past.

Some workers in some of the wood turning mills found themselves with too much leisure time. The second shift at Gilbert Mfg. Co., in Locke Mills, was suspended in October of this year, resulting in 20 workers being laid off. Workers at the Stowell mill, in Bryant Pond, had been laid off in late 1988 when the mill was shut down. The mill property was auctioned off early in 1989 but no plans have been divulged for its future use. The Town of Woodstock suffered a loss, as well as the displaced workers, as taxes due were not fully paid.

Also ceasing operations this past year was The Marketplace grocery store, in

Locke Mills, and Martha's Restaurant, in Bethel.

Much of the bad economic news could be traced to the fact that the skiers did not show up last winter in the droves that had been expected. Although Sunday River and Mt. Abram both reported a slight increase in their skiing business, the local tourism industry generally complained about too few visitors.

The cause of the shortfall in visitors was said to be the dearth of snowfall. Sunday River measured a mere 60 inches of natural snow at the base of the mountain (89 inches at the top). Generally the skiway gets between 110 and 150 inches of snow during a typical winter. While the lack of natural snow didn't affect the quality of the skiing, because of the abundance of man-made snow, it took the edge off the skiing appetites of city folk, who looked out their windows at bare sidewalks and thought about staying home and watching TV rather than going off to the mountains.

But as the seasons changed, it was clear that the summer crop of visitors was also not as abundant as normally. This made it clear to all concerned that more than the whims of Mother Nature was at work.

This past fall, state officials finally announced the bad news that tax revenues (both sales tax revenues and income tax revenues) were dropping in real terms and the already approved state budget would have to be cut by about 5 percent.

Locally, the economic news was not all bad, however, and most people viewed the downturn as a temporary setback. One local banker predicted an upturn within 18 months—faster if the Fed cut interest rates.

Looking towards the future, Sunday River pumped another \$2.5 million into expansion projects, while Mt. Abram added \$1 million in new capital expenditures. A new ski shop opened on the Sunday River Road this past fall, and Sunday River Ski Resort continued building condominiums—although at a reduced pace. In Hanover, the Chamberlain Resort opened just in time for the Christmas season, and the early snow storms—beginning before Thanksgiving—gave a festive air to the area and brought in record crowds of early-winter skiers.

### #2: Solid waste woes

If there was one growth industry in the area it was the removal of solid waste, which began costing local communities very big bucks.

Individual area towns have responded to the challenge in similar fashion—by stepping up their own recycling efforts and by joining with nearby Oxford County towns to seek regional remedies.

Recycling became a reality in 1989, as area towns sought to reduce the volume of their waste stream—and the cost of disposing of it. Towns undertook the effort with varying degrees of commitment and enthusiasm.

Greenwood and Woodstock, which share the G & W transfer station, took the lead. Greenwood Selectwoman Marie



SEASONAL CAMP—Nathan Wight, 13, and Molly fill the doorway of an igloo Nathan and his dad, John, built alongside their home on Park Street in

Bethel. Nathan is giving some thought to spending a night in the traditional Eskimo shelter, but Molly is unenthusiastic. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

Bartlett, who is also chairwoman of the Recycling Committee of the Oxford County Solid Waste Commission, estimates that recycling will initially save taxpayers in the two towns more than \$2,200 a year. And that figure is sure to rise.

But recycling alone won't relieve all the solid waste woes; towns must also find a way to dispose of solid waste that cannot be efficiently recycled. At the beginning of 1989 nearly all of this waste from local towns was being transported to the Consolidated Waste Systems' problem-plagued landfill in Norridgewock. By the end of the year, however, that waste was going to the transfer by Norway-Paris Solid Waste Inc. transfer station. For there the waste is currently being shipped to the MERC trash-to-energy incinerator in Biddeford, but Al Soule, head of the Norway facility, is aggressively pursuing plans to set up a prototype methane composting, which would be able to dispose of the area's solid waste in the most environmentally benign and economical manner.

Local individuals and groups battling the solid waste problem are also working closely with Sherry Huber, head of the state's recently organized solid waste reduction program. Together, they are trying to find answers to what is a statewide problem with impacts in every local community.

### #3: District gets low scores

Educationally, the final year of the decade saw no turnaround in SAD #44's poor performance on state achievement test. Staff salaries, however, continued to climb, as did the overall district budget and the assessment to local towns.

The district's scores in Maine Educational Assessment testing, which for the past four years has compared the educational achievement of 4th-, 8th- and 11th-graders across the state, continued to be disappointing. With the exception of 4th-graders at the Woodstock and Andover Elementary schools—who did quite well this year—district students in the tested groups again scored below Maine students statewide, as well as below Maine students in school districts with social and economic characteristics similar to those of SAD #44.

Especially disturbing were the 11th Grade results, which pointed to a sharp deterioration in achievement over the three years since the same class had taken the 8th Grade MEA test.

These results were the worst for Telstar in four years of MEA testing, but they were not that far out of line with earlier scores—in fact, Telstar's overall 11th Grade scores for the four years of testing place the school in the bottom 10 percent of all high schools in the state. (By comparison, the school district spends slightly more money on each student than the average district in Maine, and district taxpayers pay more money for education, in terms of their property valuation, than the average taxpayer in the state.)

School administrators have blamed everything from bad attitudes to inadequate breakfasts for the poor test results, but they have failed to indicate why these problems would be more of a factor here than elsewhere. (They also point out that district scores on nationally normed tests have been improving.)

Administrators appear to be pinning most of their hopes for a turnaround on the district's ongoing curriculum review process. However, a state review of the district's elementary schools found that curriculum guidelines were often ignored in day-to-day teaching.

The review, conducted in February, also found the elementary school day in the district to be "rushed" and only minimally adequate for meeting state standards. The reviewers recommended that the SAD #44 Board of Directors look seriously at lengthening the elementary day.

The review commended the level of community support for the schools, but noted that teachers still felt their efforts were insufficiently appreciated. It also criticized what it termed a "negative slant" given to educational coverage in the local press.

On the salary front, the district's 10 highest paid administrators received

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## Heating oil, propane crunch hit the area

By ERNIE JONES

A two day break from the record-setting December cold snap may spell only temporary relief for hard pressed home heating fuel and propane users.

Prices for home heating oil have soared in the last two weeks and the availability of propane in the area has caused residents and businesses to conserve their propane as much as possible.

Sunday River's Les Otten said that he has conserved in propane use wherever possible at the resort without sacrificing services for customers. He said that from his research, the propane shortage is caused by distribution woes and not because there is a national shortage.

He said that if he only had a tanker truck, he could name at least five places where he could pick up propane.

When the crunch first hit, Otten said he was forced to go to Canada to buy the necessary propane to insure the resort would continue to function smoothly.

Local distributors of heating oil all say that they have very little control over the price. Prices are approaching the \$1.40 per gallon range.

Dana Brooks of Brooks Bros. Co. said that the fuel shortage is in Portland where most distributors have their tanks. He said some wholesalers will call up to give the latest price change in the fuel even when they do not have supplies immediately at hand.

Frank Gibson of Ripley and Fletcher Co. said that even though the prices are not under his control, some customers can "get ugly" while most just say there is nothing they can do about it and that they need to heat their homes.

Fred Egan of Encon Co. said that he hopes the distribution problems will be ironed out soon. All the dealers said that they have been able to meet customers' needs so far this winter.

Last week, Gov. John McKernan formed a task force to investigate the impact of high prices on Maine consumers and why these prices rose so dramatically. Energy Office Director Harvey Devane will head up the task force and hopes to insure no one goes cold and to investigate pricing at all levels.

The Maine Oil Dealers Association recently took out a newspaper advertisement calling the price hike "unwarranted."

According to State Economist A. James Lee, there is little that consumers can do in the short term, except reach deeper into their wallets and pay the high prices.

## Foster declines run for Andover school post

By BARBARA ADAMS

The selectmen learned at their Tuesday night meeting that John Foster of Andover will not be running again for the SAD #44 school board.

Bids will be accepted for the town's 1974 International dump truck with sander. Sealed bids are to be opened Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. Selectmen reserve the right to accept any and all bids. The truck may be seen at the town garage.

In other highway department matters, the selectmen told road commissioner Wilbur Cheney that in order to cut costs, when snowstorms are on Sunday, driveways are not to be plowed until Monday in order to cut back on overtime. The selectmen discussed the overdrawn highway budget for 1988-89, and Cheney stated, "last year I used more sand and salt than I ever did."

In other business, since a larger space for the selectmen will not be forthcoming shortly, the selectmen voted to purchase a new file cabinet for the present office, get estimates on a new desk for the town clerk and a computer center to hold the computer and printer.

There will be discussion in the future about a new method of distributing dump stickers. Selectmen also know the name of someone who dumped trash outside

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## School board seeks input on double bussing

The SAD #44 Board of Directors has established a series of community meetings to gather information relating to possible changes in educational programming for the 1989-91 school year.

Bussing—On Thursday, Jan. 4, the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the School Board will be holding an open forum in the Telstar Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. to discuss the possibility of double bus runs for students. The proposal calls for Telstar students to ride on one trip and elementary students ride on a separate run. At the present time, many of the elementary students ride on bus runs with the Telstar students.

During the past several years, various groups of parents, students, and staff members have requested that the district return to the double bussing of students which had been in place within the district prior to the gasoline shortage of the early 70's.

This year there were two pilot bussing schedules, separating elementary and Telstar students, tried in Andover and Woodstock that have proven to be acceptable. These schedules could remain in place for the next school year and a similar plan could be attempted in the Bethel area.

The public forum on Jan. 4 will be to discuss items related to the possibility of

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HOLIDAY RIDE—Ben Vonderheide and Paige Brown, on the front sled, take a slide at Gould Academy over New Year's weekend. They are closely followed by Phoebe Brown and Nina Perkins. Warm weather and some rain have put a crust on the snow in many areas which might make sled rides even faster. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

## Selectmen to consider upgrading sewage system

The Bethel Board of Selectmen was scheduled to meet Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7 p.m. at the Town Office. The Board will take up the interlocal agreement for the incorporation of the Oxford County Solid Waste Commission. Planning Assistant Roddie Graham was slated to attend this workshop session.

Other matters scheduled to be discussed by selectmen included interviews for positions on the Sewer Study Committee. Selectmen were also to examine an-

balance, fire service and landfill assessment fees for next year with neighboring towns.

A workshop session date for a proposed new sewer ordinance and a capital improvement plan for the system will be taken up. Also concerning sewers, selectmen will be examining interim financing loan agreements for sewage plant up-dating. Selectmen will be looking a loan of \$207,500.

A discussion on fiscal year 1991 employees' salaries, wages and benefits will be also taken up in executive session.

**Classifieds**  
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**Airport Committee Meeting**  
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## Opinions

### Legislature was dead weight

If local towns managed to survive another year in relatively good shape, despite the economic downturn, it was no thanks to the Legislature. In fact, the Legislature added to the economic woes of municipalities and residents alike.

The Legislature had one job to do last year and that was to come up with a plan for property tax reform. Instead of dealing with that issue, the body indulged in partisan name-calling for the better part of the session. Then when it was time to go home last summer, the senators and representatives decided to simply throw money at the problem of runaway property taxes. They told Mainers who were suffering from property tax pains to fill out long forms explaining why and how and how much and seek a partial refund from the state.

The Legislature allocated \$41 million for a two-year program of refunds to residents. The ludicrousness of the program is evident from the fact that Mainers are simply not utilizing it. If all the applications for refunds were honored, only about half the money available for refunds this year would be used. The process is too cumbersome, let alone that it doesn't touch the basic cause for the recent escalation in the property tax.

What is needed for property tax reform is for the Legislature to fully fund any mandated programs imposed on municipalities or school districts. As things stand now, the Legislature mandates and the property tax has to pay the bill.

During the last session, the Legislature further added to Mainers' economic hardships by cobbling together an extremely expensive set of bond referenda. Following a lackluster election, \$105 million of these bonds were approved. The disgraceful thing is—aside from the fact that the Legislature lacked the guts to deal with the bond issues themselves—that this huge chunk of debt was approved by a mere 15 percent of registered voters. The Citizen suggested at the time that the Legislature adopt a measure whereby any statewide election (including referenda) would require a 50 percent turnout of registered voters to be considered legal and binding. Not a single local legislator indicated support for the idea.

The third blunder that added to the economic woes of Mainers was the 11th hour tax imposed on restaurants and bars. With no discussion, the meek-as-lamb legislators obeyed their leaders and told restaurants and lounges to begin collecting an additional 5 percent tax on all alcoholic beverages served, effective Dec. 1. This hurts the Bethel area right in the pocketbook, yet not a peep from local legislators (nor the local chamber of commerce).

The reality of 1990 is that economic times are tough and are not likely to improve very soon. The Legislature can perform a real service this year in two ways: don't start any new programs that can't be funded by the state, and end the session early to save taxpayers the \$30,000 a day it costs to keep the body in session. bfw

## Letters to the editor

### To the Editor

Your report on the Casco Northern actions in Maine was depressing. Although my business was put in grave jeopardy by their withdrawal, I didn't realize they were taking \$50 million out of the state in order to bail out their parent, The Bank of Boston.

It is a tragedy that this giant must climb out of its hole on the backs of Maine's small businesses who entrusted it with our futures.

Your editorial, "When You Need A Friend" could have gone somewhat further. Our "friend" was The Bethel Savings Bank which helped guide our refinancing efforts to replace Casco Northern. Thanks to Jim Delamater and The Bethel Savings Bank group, we can continue our healthy growth pattern. They recognized the value of our 130 employees and impact of \$5 million in annual sales, most of which returns to the Bethel area's economy.

By participating in the replacement financing with The Shawmut Bank, Bethel Savings has again demonstrated its commitment to the area. After the most difficult year in my 11 years of ownership—spent defending our business from Casco Northern's actions—we look forward to continued growth and a true partnership with a friend in the community.

Richard D. Rasor  
Proprietor  
The Bethel Inn & Country Club

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Anyone who would like to learn a trade, will have the opportunity to do so through a new school offered by Gas-Ray Inc. of Bethel. The new Gas-Ray Service School will provide career training in the oil and gas heating fields.

Evening classes will start on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m., for oil burner service and Thursday, Jan. 25, 7-9 p.m., for gas heating.

These courses are open to anyone interested. There will be a tuition fee, and pre-registration is required. Contact Bob Gas-Ray Inc., at 824-2211.

Gas-Ray Inc. will offer a placement service for its graduates.

for information and tickets.

This film festival is made possible in part through the sponsorship of the Bethel Historical Society with the support of the Maine Humanities Council. Many members of the Bethel community are helping to celebrate Maine Street '90 through their involvement and participation in the planning and operation of this project. They are: Tim Kavanaugh, Dottie Boyce, Dwayne Craig, Betsy Raymond, Stanley Howe, Frank Vogt, Bernie Wideman, Jim Owen, Dick Rasor, Dick Taylor, Al Sumner, Don Brooks, Carol Fiske, Edwin Brown, Linda Gamble, Marvin Owings, Gould Academy, Telstar Regional High School, The Bethel Inn and the Bethel Library. Anyone else wishing to help should call Sally Rollinson.

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### Top ten

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raises averaging 6 percent. Superintendent Dwayne Craig's pay went up 10 percent, to \$49,500. Adult and Community Education Director Cathy Newell received an 8 percent increase, to \$28,080. The eight remaining top administrators all now earn between \$30,000 and \$40,000, most for working 10-months out of the year.

In a departure from previous practice, board discussion of this round of administrative salary increases was conducted in executive session—with the public and press excluded. The change was the result of complaints from some administrators that they were embarrassed to have such matters discussed in a public forum.

Overall the district budget went up 10 percent to \$5,540,440. The local assessment rose 14 percent, to \$2,417,164. Newry, caught at the wrong point in the state's revaluation process, saw its assessment go up 60 percent.

The past year was one of athletic triumph for Telstar sport teams. In the spring the high school baseball team captured the Maine Class C state championship, and in the fall the field hockey squad won the Western Maine Class C championship and came within a bounce or two of taking the state championship.

**#4: River cleanup on hold**

The Androscoggin River—arguably the chief natural resource of the Bethel area—remained dangerously polluted, despite efforts by state and local groups to spur cleanup legislation.

A plan put forward by the state Department of Environmental Protection to force the polluters of the state's major rivers—that is, the paper mills—to clean up their discharges received strong endorsement from the cities of Lewiston and Auburn as well as by the local Friends of the Androscoggin.

The Legislature ultimately approved the concept but Gov. John McKernan vetoed the bill, preferring to allow the paper mills to study the matter and come up with their own suggestions on how much of a cleanup would be feasible.

Meanwhile, using data gathered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, The Citizen reported that the James River mill in New Hampshire, upriver from the Bethel area towns, was the worst polluter of any mill in New England. The concentration of cancer-causing dioxin in the James River mill's discharges was considerably higher than at any other mill in the region.

Moreover, The Citizen learned from medical studies done by New Hampshire health authorities, the rate of cancer among James River mill workers was considerably higher than for the population in general.

In April, New Hampshire health authorities warned pregnant women and nursing mothers to not eat any fish taken from the Androscoggin River below the James River mill. All other people were warned to not eat more than one or two fish per year from the polluted river.

The EPA and the DEP were both well aware of the pollution attributable to James River. An EPA official told The Citizen the federal agency was planning to force the mill to abide by whatever pollution limits were set by the State of Maine, since the mill was polluting the waters of this state.

While the river cleanup remained stalled because of the governor's veto, the local Friends of the Androscoggin were moving ahead to provide easier access to the river for recreation. The group developed two access sites in West Bethel, was working on additional sites from Bethel to Hanover.

In addition, the group was promoting the idea of a riverside trail, from Bethel to Hanover, that would be used by walkers, hikers, fishermen and bicyclists.

**#5: Hydro-Quebec killed**

The looming shadow of a proposed 90-mile long line of high-voltage transmission towers through the mountains of western Maine vanished suddenly in early January, when the Maine Public Utilities Commission—following a two-year review—rejected a Central Maine Power Company plan to import 300 megawatts of electricity over 30 years from Hydro-Quebec, the giant, province-owned Canadian utility company.

The unexpected rejection caught CMP, along with most other parties and observers, by surprise, but it delighted the residents of Andover and other communities who had faced the prospect of unsightly transmission towers blighting their landscapes.

Immediately after the split, 2-1, decision there were fears CMP would attempt to circumvent it by seeking approval directly from the legislature, or by resubmitting the application when the term of PUC Commissioner David Moskowitz, who voted against the plan, expired. Neither eventually came to pass, however, and by the end of the year Hydro-Quebec had withdrawn from the proposed sales agreement.

Locally, objections to the plan were driven by aesthetic and environmental concerns, but opponents of the plan wisely chose to make their case on economic grounds. The Natural Resources Council of Maine and the Conservation Law Foundation, along with representatives of No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec, a grassroots group from western Maine, successfully argued that CMP had not adequately explored alternative energy sources such as conservation, cogeneration, small power production, and load management techniques.

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**#6: Bethel's sewer mess**

The Bethel sewer commissioners (that is, the selectmen) had, for 15 years ignored the problems of the Bethel sewer. They had thus knowingly acquiesced in the town sending untreated and poorly treated sewer wastes into the Androscoggin River.

The state Department of Environmental Protection finally told the selectmen to cease and desist. To show they meant business, the staffers at the DEP drafted a consent agreement—which town officials will ultimately be forced to sign—that imposes a \$35,000 fine against the town, and limits the number of new sewer hook-ups until such time as the selectmen get the sewer system working properly.

Limited sewer hook-ups actually seemed like a good thing to harried local officials who, for the past 18 months, had not been allowed to authorize any hook-ups whatsoever (and aren't until they sign the consent agreement).

The problems in the sewer system were of two types: on the one hand, the sewer mains were allowing raw water to enter the system; on the other hand, the sewer plan was not functioning at its designed capacity and was not able to handle the extra water in the sewer lines. During peak flows, the sewer plant simply shuttled aside the overflow into the river.

Town officials, upon advice of their consultants, decided to attack the sewer plant problem first, because they considered it the cheaper of the two problems to remedy.

Early during the year the selectmen asked the voters for authority to borrow \$480,000 for sewer plant repairs, and the voters readily agreed. Later, however, when bids were solicited for the actual work, the construction costs appeared double what the selectmen had set aside.

Therefore, town officials, in the fall, shut the voters to authorize borrowing an additional \$380,000. That caused the sewage to hit the fan.

At a lively town meeting, voters—most of whom were sewer users, who were the only ones who spoke for the work—told the selectmen they would not authorize the additional borrowing.

Town officials came back a few weeks later with another proposition, to spread the repayment of the additional loan over the books of the tax rate rather than only on the pocketbooks of the sewer users. This time the voters—after another lively town meeting—approved.

The town manager pointed out that the town was not eligible to go out and getting a \$162,500 grant from the federal government to help pay for the work.

The sewer plant repairs, mainly involving the construction of two new clarifier tanks, began in October and were expected to be completed in April.

**#7: Affordable housing**

A term that had been used only by bureaucrats and consultants became part of the local vocabulary during the year. That term was "affordable housing."

While businesspeople had noticed the linkage between the tight housing market and their inability to find workers locally, and while young families worried that they would not find a rental they could afford—let alone think about buying a house—local officials were not involved.

In Bethel that changed when the selectmen appointed an affordable housing committee, particularly when that committee turned in a carefully researched report showing that housing costs had rapidly outstripped the ability of local workers to afford to rent or buy in Bethel.

The solution to the problem was not evident, although bankers and real estate people had, from time to time, suggested the possibility of cluster housing—more units on less land—probably using manufactured housing or mobile homes.

One solution was presented to the town in the spring when the Portland developer Gleitsman and Co. approached the Planning Board with a plan for 48 rental units to be built on a large—but wet—piece of land off Mason Street. The project bogged down, however, because of the moratorium against sewer hook-ups.

And there the matter rested until the town manager grabbed onto the project for support in applying for a federal Community Development Block Grant. Town Manager Rodney Lynch argued, in his grant application, that the continued economic development of the town depended on the availability of affordable housing. The Mason Street project was ideal because it not only could accommodate dozens of young families, but also because it would fit the philosophy of the Comprehensive Plan, which was to keep population density in the village.

The town manager pointed out, in the grant application, that the project could not become reality unless the town could improve its sewer system—particularly the sewer lines and sidewalks, in the neighborhood of the proposed affordable housing project.

The application was sent to Augusta in December and word on its disposition by state officials—who have the power to decide who will get the federal grants—will be received later this winter.

In the meantime, Jeff Parsons was planning a smaller affordable housing project in West Bethel, at the site where he was constructing a large assembly building for his backhoe and grader company.

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some of their sense of urgency. Nonetheless, a comprehensive planning law passed by the Maine Legislature in 1988 requires that all towns adopt Unified Development Review ordinances for managing their future growth. Such ordinances would include not only a comprehensive plan, but also regulations covering subdivisions, site plans, zoning and other associated development activity.

Depending on their size and rate of growth, towns have until 1992, 1993 or 1994 to adopt such a plan. One year after adopting the plan, a town must also adopt zoning ordinances to support it.

Among area towns, only Andover will be required to produce a plan by 1992. At its annual town meeting last spring, the town voted to establish a Comprehensive Planning Committee. That committee has begun work and is currently reviewing a proposed contract with the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, which will provide professional planning assistance.

Among the second tier of towns—those scheduled to have a plan by 1993—Newry is moving ahead most aggressively to develop and implement an entire planning and zoning package. The town is updating its current comprehensive plan (which is only three years old) and reviewing and consolidating its various ordinances. At its annual town meeting last year the town also voted to hire a professional planner to help it develop zoning regulations. Les Otten, chairman of the planning committee, reports that the town is well ahead of schedule for meeting the state requirements.

Among the other second-tier towns, Gilead and Upton are still in the preliminary stages of planning process—exploring exactly what the state will require of them and how best to go about developing it.

The Greenwood Planning Board, which has been at work on a comprehensive plan for two years, will present an initial version for voter approval at the annual town meeting. The plan to be presented will not meet all the state planning goals, Planning Board Chairman Harry Swan said, but it would serve as a framework for a later plan that will.

Bethel, West Paris and Woodstock all have until 1996 to develop their plans. Bethel already has a Comprehensive Plan and a Site Plan Review Ordinance, both of which are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

West Paris is updating its 11-year-old plan to meet state goals and plans a series of hearings to seek public input for the revisions.

In Woodstock the formal planning process has stalled and "needs regrouping," Planning Board Chairwoman Margaret Hand said. She predicted that the Comprehensive Planning Committee would be resurrected early this year.

**#9: Bethel police force grows**

The Town of Bethel moved into the ranks of a modern, full-service town this past year by strengthening its police force. Town Meeting, in June, authorized the hiring of a second full-time officer. The year started off badly, however, for the up-and-coming police department. First there was the resignation of Officer Rickie Osgood, followed shortly by the resignation of the chief, Eric Wright, who had held the job for less than a year.

Town streets were patrolled thereafter by Officer Dale Bellman plus reserves. However, in July, after a search conducted in-house (as opposed to the costly MMA search that resulted in the hiring of Chief Wright), the town manager hired local resident Brian Stowell. The Bethel native had extensive experience with the county sheriff's office as well as with the Rumford Police Department.

In August, the town manager hired another local man, Darren Tripp, to fill the second full-time police officer's slot. Meanwhile, Chief Stowell was busy signing up reserve officers. By the end of the summer his department had a full complement of reserves. They were April Crowley, Norm Clinton, Crawford Perry, Terry Perry, Phil Taylor and Jim Morrissey.

With its expanded police force, Bethel could expect even more attention paid to speeding cars, disappearing chainsaws, and the slowly growing drug problem.

However, it was hard to see how the town's record could get much better when it came to crime—or the lack of it. According to state statistics for 1988, published in the summer of 1989, Bethel had by far the lowest crime rate in Oxford County, 10.94 crimes per 1,000 residents. (Fryeburg had the highest crime rate in the county—35.62 crimes per 1,000 residents.) The overall county rate was 19.79 crimes per 1,000 residents. The rate for the state was 36.69, and the rate for the nation (in 1987) was 55.30.

**#10: College courses offered**

In what will likely be a big boost for the educational aspirations of area residents, the University of Maine System began offering college courses at Telstar in September.

The local site was one of only 30 selected statewide for the new program, which relies on TV monitors to bring a live lecture from one of the UMaine campuses into a local classroom. The electronic hook-up is interactive, so that students can ask questions of the lecturer during the lecture.

The driving force in getting Telstar selected as one of the first sites for the system was Adult and Community Education Director Cathy Newell, who had been working towards just such a goal for 10 years.

The introduction of the system was welcomed by local residents, who had signed up for the first semester's courses. The students included those who are working on business degrees, those who want to earn college credits, and those who simply wanted the stimulation of a college course. Approximately two dozen courses were offered during the first semester of the program.

The U.S. Agency for International Development is providing the system with a school, clothing and personal allowances for the students. The agency is also providing transportation for the students to the school.

Most information available in the U.S. State Department, Telstar, University of Maine, Oxford County, 04217, 207-545-7700.

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### School board

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double bussing within the district during 1990-91, outlining possible changes in the daily schedule of the two elementary schools in Bethel, discussing the costs for the proposed bussing changes, and pros and cons of the possible change.

At this meeting and state their views with regard to possible double bussing in SAD #44 for the 1990-91 school year.

Grade Six (6) Placement—For several years the sixth grade students from the Bethel area have attended the Telstar Middle School. The sixth grade students in Andover and Woodstock have attended their local elementary school and not Telstar Middle School until the seventh grade.

The Education Committee has scheduled three (3) community meetings to discuss and gather information as to the future placement of sixth grade students within the district.

These meetings are scheduled to be held in Andover, Bethel, and Woodstock to allow for greater participation of community members. The meetings will be informal, with Education Committee members listening to community concerns and sentiment regarding the placement of their sixth grade students.

The community meetings are scheduled as follows:  
Woodstock Elementary School—Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. (snow date Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.)  
Andover Elementary School—Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. (snow date Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.)  
Crescent Park School—Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. (snow date Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.)

The School Board is interested in obtaining public opinion on these two issues. Public participation in the open forum is encouraged. If an individual is unable to attend one of the scheduled meetings, they may contact a local School Board member or the Superintendent of School to express their opinion on these topics either by phone or letter.

### Andover

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the gate at the dump, and will take proper action.

A figure of \$900 is the cost of liability insurance for the recently purchased cruiser bought by the town of Roxbury. Since selectmen McCrillis of that town has offered Andover the use of the cruiser providing Andover pays part of the insurance, the selectmen decided to pay for a third of the cost, allowing them the use for one third of the year, providing they can choose the constable they want. They will meet with Matt Elliot in this regard at a later date.

**The Extension Line...**

U. Maine Cooperative Extension Service

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Oxford County is offering their 12-part learn-by-mail series for Family Day Care Providers and other people interested in caring for children as a home based business. This is an informational series without any cost or commitment to be returned.

Each of the topics in this series builds on material covered in the previous issue. Each is a building block for your success as a Family Day Care Provider. Whether you are just considering entering the field or are already a successful long-time provider, this series should be very worthwhile reading. It is written specifically about Maine with suggestions for activities, foods, and even easy record keeping to help you.

Topics to be covered include: Deciding to Start; Perfecting Parent Relations; Setting Up Your Home as a Business; Keeping Successful Records; Where to Begin with Taxes and Insurance; Maintaining Good Health and Safety; Hearty Appetites and Happy Attitudes Toward Food; Child Development and Activity Ideas for Infants; Child Development and Activity Ideas for Toddlers; Child Development and Activity Ideas for Preschoolers; Special Rewards from Special Needs Children; You as a Family Day Care Professional: Resources and Support.

Jane S. Harvey, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension child care coordinator, is the author of "Family Day Care: A Home-Based Business."

To receive this learn-by-mail series, contact the Extension Office at 743-6329 and ask to be put on the mailing list for "Family Day Care—A Home-Based Business."

More than 100 Costa Rican teens are coming to the United States in June, 1990 as part of the Central American Peace Scholarship Program (CAPS). This program gives Costa Rican youth a chance to participate in cross-cultural experience in homes, schools and 4-H clubs. You can help by offering to host one of these young people.

The visitors, aged 15-19, have all had training in English and an orientation to United States culture. They will be enrolled in school while here and are expected to participate in 4-H activities.

Eleven Costa Ricans were hosted with 11 Maine 4



## Adult education starts winter term

The SAD #44 Adult and Community Education program will begin its traditional Cabin Fever Winter Term on Jan. 16 with a five week schedule of over 50 short courses and Cabin Fever one-session specials. Adult and Community Education Director Cathy Newell commented that the Cabin Fever term has been a highlight of past years in SAD #44 providing a welcome break from winter routines. In planning the 1990 Cabin Fever term, Mrs. Newell has been able to schedule a variety of courses in Andover, Bethel and Locke Mills, plus both day and evening time slots. Traditional favorites are blended with some new offerings, providing a mixture of academic, enrichment, vocational, and special events.

A descriptive course guide was mailed last week to all postal patrons in SAD #44 towns as well as the neighboring towns of Hanover, Rumford Point and Rumford Center, West Paris, North Waterford and Stoneham. Extra copies of the flyer are available at the Adult Education office at Telstar High School, or by calling 824-2780. Telephone registrations are welcome from Jan. 2 on.

The following Cabin Fever Specials are included in the winter schedule:

**Maine Indians:** Archer Poor will share his collection of Indian artifacts and his knowledge of the subject at the Andover School on Tuesday Jan. 16 from 7-9 p.m. (Snow date Jan. 23). \$4.

**Winter Sea Birds:** Chris Lewey of Raven Interpretive Wildlife in Conway will present a program on seabirds of the Maine Coast in winter, with more of his exceptional slides. A must for the birder or bird carver. Thursday Jan. 18, 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. \$4.

**Winter Ecology in the North Woods:** Plants, birds and mammals and their strategies they adopt in order to inhabit northern New England. Identification of animals signs and tracks, plus slides. Another Chris Lewey nature special on Thursday Jan. 18 from 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. \$4.

**Personal Income Tax Workshop:** A review of tax changes and procedures for completing income tax forms. Sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service on Wednesday Jan. 31, 6-8 p.m., at Telstar. \$4.

**Overview of Business Taxes:** Issues affecting the small business. Sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service on Tuesday Feb. 6, 6-8 p.m. at Telstar. \$4.

**Eating for a Healthy Heart:** Low fat, low cholesterol. The latest nutritional information with suggestions for cooking methods and recipes. Thursday Feb. 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Bethel House on Main St. (Snow date, Feb. 8). Co-sponsored by Cooperative Extension Service, Wendy Pollack, presenter. Free.

**Radio:** Information about this potential unwelcome guest in your home. Learn about available tests and treatment methods. Tuesday Feb. 6, 7-9 p.m., at Telstar. Frank Wertheim, Cooperative Extension is the presenter. Free.

**Knitting with Double-point needles:** A Valentine Special, Feb. 14 from 7-9 p.m. at Mainline Fibers on Lower Main St. in Bethel with Jan Todd. Start a pair of tube socks while learning four needle knitting, bring 4-5 ounces of yarn (wool or other) and appropriate size needle to give gauge of 5 or 6 stitches per inch. Supplies are available at class. Not for beginners. Limit five. \$4.

**Designing a Sweater:** Learn how to use any fiber to construct a raglan sweater. Bring a 20 stitch swatch (3 or 4 inches long), tape measure, paper and pencil. At Mainline Fibers with Jan Todd on Wed. Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m. Not for beginners. Limit five. \$4.

**Quilt in a Day:** Make a Double Irish Chain Lap-robe on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bethel Library with Catherine Calfe. (Snow date Jan. 30). This quilt will be edged with practice points using a new fast method. You will need a portable sewing machine and a list of supplies available from the Adult Ed. office. \$5.

**Furniture Refinishing:** A one-session workshop on Wednesday Jan. 24 with Romeo Baker, covering techniques and

materials for turning "gunk to glow" on your furniture. 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. \$4.

**Woodsmen and River Drivers:** Loggers Night at the Moses Mason House. A lively evening featuring the sequel to the Stump to Ship video, plus a 1986 logging film. Stanley Howe will coordinate the program on Thursday Feb. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. \$4.

**Co-dependency:** A Family Systems concept: Do you find yourself doing things for others that you don't want to do? Do you feel bad because others feel bad? Are you sick of feeling unappreciated? These and other similar situations are common to co-dependent relationships. If you want to know what co-dependency is, how it affects lives, and how to change, these two hours are for you. Rodney Abbott, Monday Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. \$4.

**Planning Your Perennial Garden:** Joy Yarnell of Upton will share slides and tips from her experience with a garden in Upton. Wednesday Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. (Snow date Jan. 31). \$4.

**Video Workshops:** Learn to use the video equipment (cameras, accessories, VCR's) you got for Christmas! Bill Dowling of the Maine State Library will present nuts and bolts sessions for video buffs, teachers, parents, and others. Tips on equipment use and maintenance. You have a choice of two sessions at Telstar on Thursday Jan. 18 (snow date Jan. 25): 5-7 p.m. or 8:30-10:30 p.m. \$4.

The following short courses will run from 2 to 5 weeks:

**Geography of the Polar Regions:** Arctic and Antarctic: A review of the physiography and history of exploration in the areas. A look at differences in the areas, realities and misconceptions. Rudi Honkala, veteran of 6 years in the polar regions will cover the Arctic on Jan. 17 and the Antarctic on Jan. 24, both sessions from 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. \$10.

**Astronomy:** Telstar's Kim Kersey offer a 5 night course on Wednesday starting Jan. 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Telstar, covering such topics as the seasons and naked-eye astronomy. Join in for an enjoyable and stimulating approach to science. \$10.

**Knitting:** Amy Farrar's knitting lab at the Yarnery on Church Street in Bethel will teach you to knit or to move on to more advanced skills while working on projects of your choice. Wednesday nights for 5 weeks, 7-9 p.m., starting on Jan. 17. \$10.

**Spinning:** Learn to spin with Mary Isham at Mainline Fibers on Lower Main St. in Bethel in a 3 session course on Jan. 17, 23, and 30, from 7-9 p.m. \$10 plus a lab fee of \$45 covering deposit (\$15 refundable) and rental of spinning wheel, fiber and book. Limit of 5 students.

**Basketry:** The Greenwood Municipal Building in Locke Mills welcomes adult education with Louise Seames teaching you to make a 10 inch rib basket and a small weed basket in a 5-week course on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. starting Jan. 17. \$10 plus a lab fee of \$13.50.

**Machine Quilting:** Grandmother's Fan is the pattern of choice in a 5 week course on Wednesday starting Jan. 17 at Telstar from 7-9 p.m., with Mary Brown. Complete a quilt during this lecture demonstration class with weekly steps. \$10 plus supplies of approximately \$40.

**English Handbells:** An Introduction: Making music with handbells is popular with adults and young people. Join the fun with Mary Valentine on Tuesday afternoons at the Congregational Church in Bethel, starting Jan. 16, from 3:30-5 p.m. \$10.

**Jazz and Swing:** Get the beat in a retrospective look at the music of the 30's. \$10.

## NOTES FROM Telstar Guidance

The next regularly scheduled Guidance Advisory meeting will be held at Woodstock Elementary School in the Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, Jan. 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. Agenda topics at this time will include discussion of the district sixth grade elementary/middle level split, a special presentation on community support for substance abuse programs by Telstar Substance Abuse Coordinator, Rodney Abbott, and advisory feedback on the newly defined K-12 Guidance curriculum. All interested citizens of the district are welcome to attend. Your input is valued.

## West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas!

Andrew and Cheryl Sholl, Kirby and Candace of Hightstown, N.Y., came on Saturday at the home of her parents, Gordon and Sally Doughty to spend the week.

William and Ginny Andras of Plandome, Long Island, N.Y., came on Saturday the weekend having to return on Christmas day.

Ivan and Ann Proctor and Ivan, Jr. made the rounds on Christmas day by going to daughter Devere Merrill's and then to daughter Donita Murch's. It made for a busy day!

Charles and Vicky Sanborn and Brant, North Conway, N.H., were here on Sunday to join our family Christmas tree. Our family was all here including my mother Elsie Puranen.

Vance and Connie Bacon were in Fairfax, Va., to have Christmas with their daughter Kathy Bessett, her husband Bob and children Emily, Marc and Timothy.

On Christmas day, Milton and Eleanor Inman and Vernon and Miriam received telephone greetings from Byron and Mary Inman in Buxton, N.C. They reported they had 13 or so inches of snow so it made for a white Christmas for them after all!

The Eleanor B. Forbes Goodwill Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Goodwill Hall at 10 a.m. There will be a snack lunch at noon, with hostesses Olga Gellatly and Esther Davis. They will be making their plans for the coming year.

and 40's Big Band Era. Ed Hinkchuck will share his extensive knowledge and collection of music on Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., at Telstar, for 3 weeks, starting Jan. 22. \$10.

**Fly-tying:** Laurie Beaudoin is back to help you get ready for fishing season. This five week course will be offered in Bethel at Telstar on Wednesdays and Andover at the School on Thursdays starting the week of Jan. 16, from 7-9 p.m. \$10.

**Brush Lettering:** Andover welcomes Mike Limatta to share his skill at brush lettering for the sign painter. This week class will meet at the Andover School from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday starting Jan. 17. \$10 plus cost of brush.

**Investments:** A hands-on class with Jim Delatour, president of the Bethel Savings Bank. In two weeks, Feb. 6 and 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Telstar. Jim will use an individual approach to help you assess your net worth, create a financial statement and an investment plan. \$10.

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## THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society are reminded that the annual "So You Think You Know Bethel" will be featured at the next monthly meeting to be held in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House on Thursday, Jan. 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Come and watch the battle of wits between two competing teams to see who can answer correctly the most questions dealing with the entire span of Bethel's past.

With but one week to go before the end of the year, the Bethel Historical Society's 1989 Endowment Campaign is very near to reach its goal. Among the latest contributors is Rosanne Twichell 51y of Brooklin, Maine.

A good description of Bethel in the late 19th century is found in the Seventh Annual Report of the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics for the State of Maine (1893). Among the paragraphs of interest are: "Bethel is one of the most delightful towns in New England; indeed there is scarcely a place anywhere where the beautiful and the grand mingle together in greater harmony than here.

Bethel is nearly twice the size of ordinary Maine townships and has many miles of roadway. The Androscoggin River passes lengthwise through the town and its meanderings makes up a Complement of about 15 miles within the town limits. Roads pass down each side of the river and have numerous branches leading in different directions, and there is not a road, that as a driveway, does not have attractions peculiar to itself.

"There are within the town numerous hills and mountains, easily accessible, from the summits of which views most magnificent are had. The town is filled with delightful nooks and corners, with shaded driveways, sometimes leading through rocky gorges and again along placid streams; here disclosing vistas most picturesque and enchanting, and there giving examples of the wildest alpine scenery."

The next center of attraction, both the parts of the town, Mayville, Sunday River, Grover Hill, Swan's Hill and other

places, have their enthusiastic admirers. There are good summer hotels at the Hill, but by far the larger portion of the summer residents have their homes in private families. The mansion houses built by the grandfathers, large and well ventilated, are admirably adapted to this purpose, while many modern houses have been erected with this purpose in view."

**Looking Back; Ten Years Ago:** The Telstar Rebels basketball team held a 3-3 record at Christmas break. Two men found guilty in the murder of Frank Perkins of Locke Mills. Mount Abram Fish and Game held a Christmas party at the Locke Mills Town Hall with a potluck supper. Christmas tree and music featured. Danny Barker, son of Brad and Judy Barker, received a fractured collar bone in a skiing accident. Death: Hilda Selin.

**Twenty Years Ago:** Crescent Park School students celebrated the season with special music and dancing under the direction of Edith Eyppey. Nancy Chapin of Bethel was the recipient of the Elsie R. Hatch Memorial Scholarship for the academic year 1969-70 at the University of Maine, Orono. Deaths: Leppien W. Morse, Harlan M. Stevens, Edna Newton, Wade H. Thurston.

**Thirty Years Ago:** Governor Clinton A. Clauson (D) died in his sleep. Senate President John H. Reed (R) was sworn in as the new Maine governor. 12 inches of new snow were giving Sunday River Ski Area excellent skiing. Birth: Brian J. Hanscom. Marriages: Otto C. Blossie and Kay Blake; Charles W. Stevens and Marjorie E. Rowe; Leroy A. Brown and Bernice A. Farrar. Deaths: G. Philip Paulin, Edna C. Burns, Eino A. Kyllonen, John F. Irvine.

**Forty Years Ago:** George A. Mundt Post, American Legion, voted to change its name to Mundt-Allen Post, honoring Stanley Allen, who was killed in World War II. A mid-day fire was confined to one room at the home of Stanley Roberts, North Bethel. Philip R. Burns announced the sale of his Red and White Store at Locke Mills to Arthur Valley of Paris Hill.

**Fifty Years Ago:** Harry E. Mason caught a sailfish 5 1/2 feet long while on a deep sea trip in the Gulf. He and

## Songo Pond

By ALICE KIMBALL

Hope this finds everyone happy this New Year!

Fish houses have made their annual appearance on the pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Awalt of Augusta were supper guests of her mother, Mrs. Elmira Doyen Saturday evening. Mrs. Connie Hindman and Mark also joined them. Connie and Mark spent Christmas with Lee Hindman and family in Windsor.

I spent several days over the holidays with the Bear-Turner family in Otsfield. Ethel and Craig were in Boston Tuesday and Wednesday where his son Mark is a surgical patient at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lincoln and baby daughter, Susan Lincoln and friend and Molly Lincoln and friend of Hingham, Mass., are spending a few days at the Lincoln home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hunter of Carlsle, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter of Winslow, son Keith and friend Ryan were visitors here Friday evening. Vaughn and Mary stayed overnight and left for Pennsylvania this morning. Herbie and Dotti Adams and Erin also called in the evening.

Peter and Diane Parsons of Hebron, Conn. came Wednesday to visit his parents and do some skiing. They returned home Saturday morning.

Brandon Salway and Tara Hutchins spent a few days over the holiday with his folks. Tuesday night David, Norma, and Brandon attended a Mariners hockey game in Portland.

Kassi and Bernie Gatchell of Auburn spent Christmas day here. Rev. Jean Bass was a caller here one day this week.

*Night is the mother of thought. The morning is wiser than the evening. Russian proverb.*

his wife Muriel Park Mason were staying at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Marriage: Reginald Roberts and Phyllis J. Hunt. Deaths: Herbert C. Rowe, Laforest York, Alanson Tyler, Will Hutchinson, Minnie Merritt, Ray Hanson, Eleanor L. Brown, Fannie H. Horne.

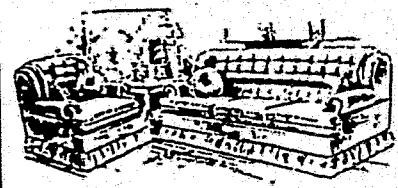
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## Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

Christmas has come and gone and by the time this gets in the paper we will be going into the 1990's. The last week has been very cold and can only remember two or three days the whole month of December when the temps have been up to even freezing. 24th-25, 26th-27, 28th-29, 30th-31. I called up a neighbor on Chapman Brook (the MacDougalls) who write on their calendar each morning the beginning temp of the day.

The 23rd Wilfred and Kim Gibson stopped in with their gifts and took time to put up our tree which I had bought and left in the barn. Theresa came with Frankie and spent the night. Christmas day Jim, Sue and Heather came from Freeport. Frankie, George and Theresa were here and Ira, Kristen and James came over. We had the tree before dinner. Frank's sister, Roberta Pevear called later in the day and said that Wilfred Gibson had got to their house at 1:30 a.m. He flew down Christmas day as Kim had to work at the hospital Christmas day. Theresa was able to stay with us until Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon went to the doctor in North Bridgton and Thursday went to C.M.M.C. in Lewiston for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chapman and Nick had for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Tony Chapman, Alan, Louise Chapman and two daughters and Sammy Chapman and friend. They talked to Frank and Ida Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cummings in Florida.

Marilyn Swan and children of Sunday River had for a sledding party Gina Douglass and two boys, Linda Howe and two boys, Theresa Curtis and child of Norway and other neighbors of Marilyn's the 29th. Hot chocolate and lunch were enjoyed by all.

Christmas eve Bob and Linda Howe and a get-together for family and friends. Christmas day the Bob Howe family went to his folks. Bud and Joan Howe for a Christmas breakfast, went home for awhile and later went to Bud Howe's for a goose dinner and tree.

Hiroki Shimamura who works for a dental equipment Corp. in Japan was sent to Boston on company business after Dec. 17. He drove up to his Uncle Joe Shimamura and Jerry. Joe and his nephew went skiing at Sunday River. The nephew was very impressed as in Japan they have to wait sometimes half hour in line and when one gets to the top it's too crowded to ski well. Also have long lines in cafeterias. Hiroki left Joe's the 19th and flew back to Japan the 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bean, Nathan and Connie Gulbrandsen, Colin and Erica of Lovell for Christmas dinner. Nathan came the 22nd from John Hopkins in Maryland and will stay until the middle of January.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine went to daughter Judy Goudige and family for dinner. Later visited on Dick and Sue Angevine and family and stopped into grandson Ricky Angevine and Terry's. Barbara Angevine Willard talked to family members Christmas day.

The 23rd Charles and Ruth Mason had their family get-together with Lee, Terry, Beth, Diana, and Carolyn Blake of Augusta; Chuck, Kathy, Jennifer, Charles, and Meredith Mason; John, Roxanne, Corinneau, Scott, Jane, Monica, Tanya and Tina all of Gilead; Matthew, Melinda, Stephen and Brandon Bishop of Norway; Tammy Hanson and Karen and Pastor John Clayton. Grandma Murphy of Bridge Street sent up beans and rolls she had made which they had with hot dogs and ice cream.

Christmas day Charles and Ruth Mason had their daughter Melinda, Matthew, Stephen and Brandon Bishop, Norway and Carol Mason and Kara Mason. Sometime during the day all stopped in to see Grammie and Grampa Murphy of Bridge Street.



EXPANDING—Newry Fire Chief Virgil Conkwright, standing on left with firefighter Bill Wight, have reason to smile this year. The department continues to grow with additional facilities on the drawing boards. The recent expansion of the Department by the town has resulted in a better fire insurance rating for the area. (Photo by Wendy Hanscom)

Homer and Edie Smith had the 23rd Larry, Sally, Shawn, Zack and Mary Smith of East Conway; Bruce Smith of Bethel and his sons Matthew and Mike of South Paris.

Christmas Eve and Kaylee Smith were up for a tree and Doug, Terry, and Bruce Smith were at Homer's for tree and dinner.

Lea MacDougall came the 22nd to the 25th to her folks Alden and Barbara MacDougall.

Joe and Gerry Shimamura had dinner with her mother Thelma Merrill at Ledgeview Nursing Home. Later Jody Shimamura and family, Billy Shimamura and family and Pastor John Clayton had a tree with Thelma.

Dick and Grace Douglass had a family get-together Christmas morning and in the afternoon went to Brian and Gina Douglass and two boys. Brent Douglass and Shelly Rice also came.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Glines had their son Greg, Sarah, and Kevin Glines of Randolph, N.H., and Heidi Glines of Bristol, Conn., for dinner and tree.

Christmas the Glines looked out and saw a partridge in a peach tree and the 22nd saw a partridge in a pear tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hannan and daughters had dinner the 24th with Dan's sister, Kathy Bamford and Kristen, Concord, N.H. Also attending were Dan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hannan. Christmas day the Dan Hannan's left for Portsmouth, N.H., to Sally's parents, Harley and Betty Rait for dinner and the 26th headed back to Maine.

Dan and Anita Glines went to her sister, Ruth Grover for breakfast. Also there were Hugh and Maryann Durgin, Keith Durgin and Dot Bean. Then went to Dan's mother Madeleine Gibbs where they were joined by Tom Gibbs and family for a tree and then to Anita's parents, Hugh and Maryann Durgin's new home in Bisbee town for dinner.

Matthew Laban of U of N.H., Durham, N.H., and Chris Laban of U.M. Orono, both got home the 22nd for their school recess. They will be staying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Laban and Amy Laban.

Frank and Sid Murphy went to Gorham, N.H. for Christmas dinner with friends, Frank and Elaine Barowski. The

## North Paris

By DORIS C. LAWRENCE

Friday, Dec. 23 we went to a Christmas party at Greenwood City with Jeanne and Norman Millett and family. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heath, Jr., Amanda and Jeremy, and Jamie Heath, Mrs. Sherry Thayer and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Roger LaCroix, Stevie Millett. It was a delicious supper and some nice gifts.

Saturday, Dec. 24, Earl Cordwell was taken by Tri-Town Ambulance to emergency at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He was brought back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spitzer and family from Massachusetts are at the trailer this week.

Mrs. Evelyn Chamberlain's grandson

Murphy's granddaughter August Murphy of Sebago is spending her school vacation with them.

Thursday Frank and Sid Murphy had Eric Duke of New Hampshire, Lee Cronk of Ohio and Russell of Michigan come and spend the night. They went both Thursday and Friday to Sunday River skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders, Nashua, N.H., came the 23rd to his mother Pat and Jack Greig and left the 24th, Sunday afternoon. Also joining the above were David and Roberta Hunt and two children, Richard and Nancy Saunders, Mark, Kim, and Stefan Winslow of Raymond, June Greig and Scott Gregg who flew in from California. They all stayed for tree and dinner. Santa Claus came to help.

Snowed day after Christmas.

Callers have been Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawrence and grandson Timmy Hilden, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heath, Jr., Amanda and Jeremy, Albert Penley, Sr. Joana Poland, Diana Poland, Eric Poland, Amy and Andrew Merrill, Joe Vatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Coffin and Jimbo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Plourde from Massachusetts visited the Nathan Isaacs over the holidays. Michelle Johnson got home from the hospital for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stevens spent Christmas day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell.

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Selective shopping means making purchasing decisions which will reduce waste. This can cut your household garbage as much as 20 percent.

Buy less packaging:  
—Look for products with the least amount of packaging;  
—Ask clerks not to double and triple wrap your purchases;  
—Reuse plastic bags for produce and bulk items;  
—Bring your own cloth or paper shopping bag to the market.

Packaging facts:  
—Packaging makes up 1/4 of the average household's garbage;  
—Packaging accounts for approximately 13 percent of the price you pay for food.

Paper bags, cardboard boxes, aluminum and tin cans, and glass bottles are all recyclable packaging materials. Choose them when you shop.

Avoid packaging made with two or more different materials, such as juice containers made of a paper laminated with plastic or foil. These mixed material packages are not recyclable.

Buy recycled packaging:  
—Look for the recycling symbol on packaging. This means that the product is recyclable or made from recycled materials.

Cereal boxes with gray paperboard and nearly half of the aluminum cans you buy are made from recycled packaging.

Tips on plastics use:  
—Wash and reuse plastic containers and bags whenever possible.  
—If your recycler doesn't accept plastic, avoid buying it when you can.

Choose recyclable alternatives to plastic packaging—paper bags, glass or aluminum soft drink containers, refillable milk bottles instead of plastic jugs or paper cartons.

Plastic packaging is made of many different kinds of plastic resins. This makes it difficult to identify and recycle.

Most plastics don't decompose in nature, so they become a long-term source of litter.

Tips on using disposable products:  
—Take a ceramic mug to work to avoid

using disposable cups.  
—Use silverware, ceramic plates, and glasses for parties instead of disposable products.

Electric appliances create less waste than appliances that require disposable batteries. Use them as an alternative.

Disposable diapers can be a health hazard in landfills which are not designed to deal with human waste products. If you find it necessary to use disposable diapers, be sure to dispose them properly by flushing the waste.

Tips about buying in bulk quantities:  
—Many supermarkets feature bulk bins for items such as cereals, candies, and pastas. Use the bags they provide or reuse bags from home to purchase what you need.

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## West Bethel

By CONSTANCE BROADBENT

Dear Uncle Al:  
What a sendoff! That was the best funeral I've been to in months! And how kind of you to check out like that... without warning... without wailing. Granted, your life had been altered by illness, scarred by surgery, shortened by amputation. But in spite of it all, you were able to walk out the door on two good legs (one real, one artificial) and hail Death in your own dooryard. That's so much better than wasting away in your bed.

Things seem to happen in sync with the life around us. It's sad to have you leave us abruptly, but your timing was good. The planning of and participating in your funeral over the few days before Christmas were a true diversion for Aunt Nance (your wife), Cousin Jane (your daughter) and the rest of the family. They had been staring at the t.v., holding their collective breath for several days, ever since Jane's son, Michael (our god-child) had dropped out of the sky over Panama with the 82nd Airborne Division. Your dying was your gift to them in their time of great fear for Michael's life. You provided a way for them (including his young wife, Donna and baby daughter, Nicole) to get through the weekend... to devote their energy to seeing you waked and eulogized, prayed over and buried.

Your Father Crowley brought a personal touch to the Requiem Mass when he spoke of your greatness and courage, and alluded to your sense of humor as he welcomed us to the Church-of-the-Last-Minute, in Hingham. (So... the heating system in his church in Hull broke down on a frigid day, and the substitute church had to be found at the last minute... no big deal.) He called it your one last joke on us all... rather like a going-away-game of Hide and Seek. He asked us to contemplate your passing into a new realm as we let go of your corporal being. All of this accompanied, by the way, by the pure and joyful voices of a small choir of women who, I assume, had to hustle over from Hull in order to lift our spirits with their song. It worked! Their music warmed us and gave us pause to reflect on life and death as we know it. I've been reflecting ever since. I think your letting go... of life, of fear, of old resentments... of the need to control. And as I let go of you and 1989, I've decided to forgive myself and all who have touched my life, so that we may be happy, here and now.

I forgive me for hiding at the top of the tall cherry tree when I was 10, causing Muddy great fear as I giggled into my arboral arms.

I forgive me for collecting live worms in coffee cans too, to be used as bribes, as I scared the bejebees out of older sister, Peg. I also forgive her for being a sissy and running down the road, just because the stuffed pheasant and I were chasing her.

I forgive me for sneaking up on Aunt Nell, the blind grandaunt who taught me to knit and who tolerated my impishness... who heard me coming up behind her chair even though her eyes couldn't see me. And I forgive Aunt Ann, her sister, for trying to make me conform to her rules while Aunt Nell helped me to break them.

I forgive myself for sometimes saying the right thing in the wrong way... as I also forgive my listeners for sometimes interpreting my truth as boldness, or my boldness as a slap in their sensibilities.

I let go of the need to feel guilty that I couldn't convince my sons to follow the path that I perceived as the right one. I also forgive myself for presuming that the choice was mine to make. And while I'm at it, I forgive myself for not taking the same path way back when it first presented itself to me. After all, that "road not taken" allowed me to grope along on an alternate route, in order to enjoy unique and enriching experience under the aegis of hardship, crisis, and diligence.

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## At Andover...

Elderwood Manor Items

By Florence Hall  
Anne Fox enjoyed Christmas dinner with the Larry Fox family in Bethel. Louise Powell, Hale, visited and had dinner with her mother Alma Hewey Christmas day.

Florence Hall had dinner with the Louis Hall family in Roxbury. Gloria Chamberlin, Strong, was overnight guest of her mother, Catherine McGuire.

Charlotte Hayes, Thomaston, was guest of her mother, Elizabeth Sennett Christmas day.

Gertrude Hutchins spent Christmas with son Robert and family. Olive and Art Whitten drove mother, Flora Whitten and Florence Hall to the Christmas concert at the Church.

Thought for the day: Middle age is when a guy who has always been a dynamo starts having ignition trouble.

Calvary Congregational Church Sunday School Superintendent Marge Stinson announced the special offering from the Sunday School will go to needy kids at the Anehome Home for Children in Turner.

Nine young people from the youth group went to the teen retreat at Camp Berea in No. Turner. Helen Salway and Mrs. Trish provided the transportation.

During the Worship Hour 10:45 a.m. to noon, the Christmas cantata was presented. Helen Grover, choir director, Edna White pianist with Glenna Allen reading special parts. Pastor Grover presented each with a flower and a gift. Our appreciation to each for the excellent presentation.

The Church family wishes everyone a blessed New Year.

for leaving my family behind in my (our) quest for new riches. Our decision to settle in West Bethel was a wise one that has provided us with new cohorts, new culture, new communion. I forgive me for leaving there and coming here.

I am finally letting go of the need to set the world in order... as I learn to enjoy each day as a gift. I will continue to give my love and my energy to those who need me, but not under duress. I will make good and wise choices, and will not apologize for the making.

I forgive you for leaving without saying "good-bye", and I forgive me for not seeing you before you left. I will think of you each time I plant flowers, remembering the last time that you backed out of our drive, right over the marigolds!

Once everyone has digested your departure, life will continue to happen. Who you were, what you did, how you said what you said will stay with Jane, Jim, Kathy and all your grandchildren and friends as the "Essence of Al." How you loved Nance for more than 50 years, each of your offspring, and all the rest of us in the extended family will provide the memories that will keep you in our hearts until each of us lets go of his own mortality.

So, farewell, Mon Uncle. Embrace your new role with courage and wit. And should you find yourself auditioning before St. Peter, tell him Donald's joke about the golfer with the sore throat... We'll be in the wings rooting for you... listen for our good wishes on the wind... you'll hear our whisper, "Break a leg, Al!"

Love, C.B.

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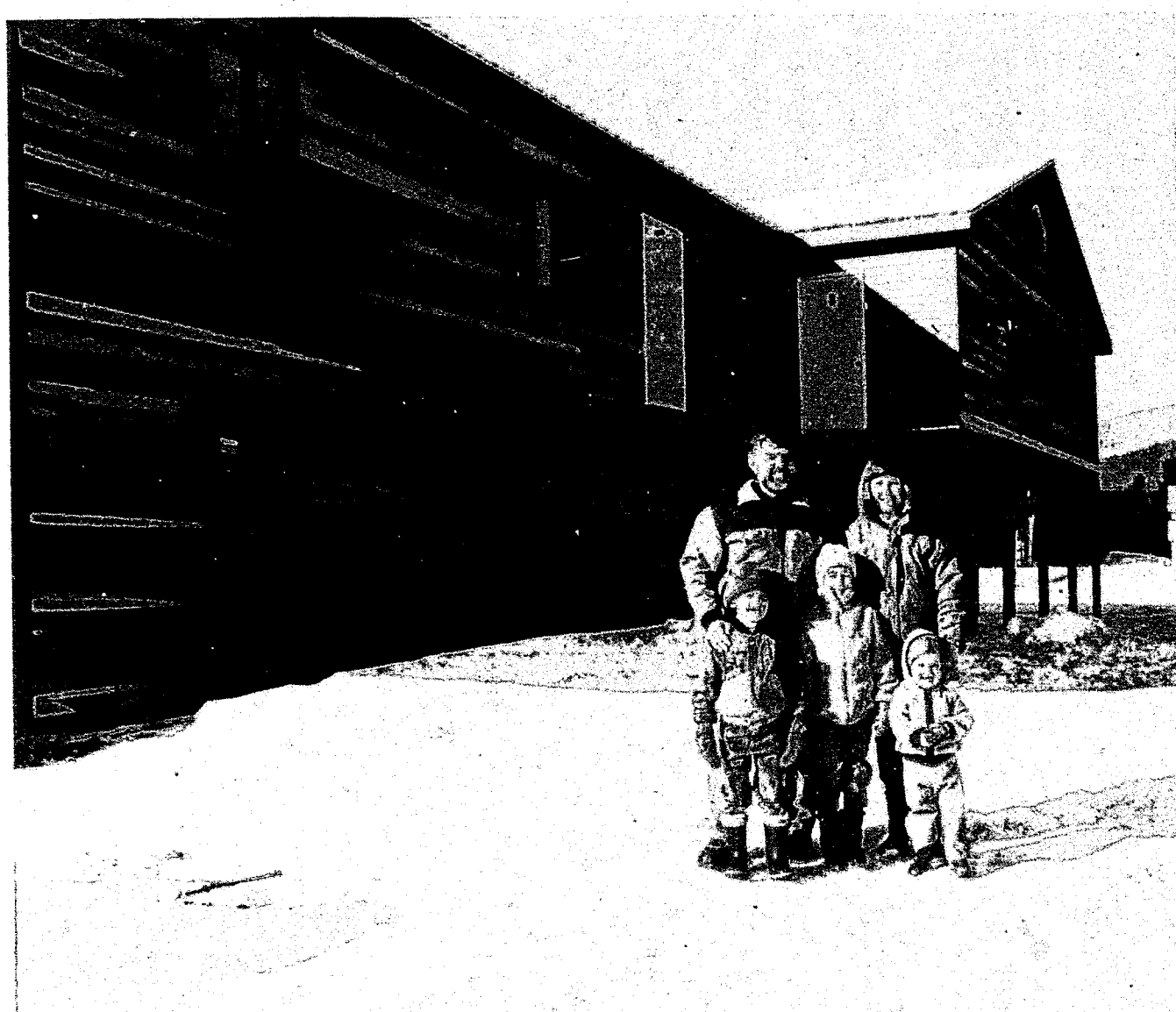
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(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

## Bethel

By VIRGINIA WALKER

Mrs. Linwood Machia is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Michelle Sweetser of Maryland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sarah Stevens over the Holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bennett entertained a family gathering Christmas Eve. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bennett and Joshua, Rumford, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bennett, Vickie and Chris, Gersham, N.H. and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett, Jan and Joshua of So. Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Knoll and family are spending some time with his father George Knoll.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Littlefield had a family gathering for the Christmas weekend. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Littlefield Jr., of Machias, Tress Hagenare, Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Hoy and Michael, West Paris, Shane Littlefield and Bob Hering of N. Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gorman and family of Berlin, N.H., and Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman of Gocham gathered at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Gorman on Christmas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMillin had as guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Jack

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## Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover and Marybeth returned home to Avoca, N.Y., on Wednesday after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt.

Christmas day guests of the Ken Hoyts were at noon: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hoover and Marybeth, Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett, Ray and Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoyt, Joseph, Bob Hoyt and Beatrice Farnum. Supper guests were the above plus Mr. and Mrs. John Chase and Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Keith, Jenny and Danny and Helen Chase.

Tommy Stephenson, Nova Scotia visited his sister and family Susie, Jim

McMillin, Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whitman of Bryant Pond.

Darlene Merrill, Portland, and Judy Murphy and children of Oakland spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill of Paradise Road.

Mary Shaw remains a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

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## TELSTAR SCOUT SERVICE UNIT

The annual "cookie" meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Virgin Memorial Chapel in Rumford. All troops should have their representative attend this important meeting as cookie materials will be passed out for the Jan. 10 through Feb. 4 sale.

On Feb. 6 there will be a training meeting. This will be held at the Franklin Savings Bank in Rumford at 6:30 p.m. Leaders interested in taking the Troop Trip Training should attend.

A contemporary issue program will also be presented by Mrs. Foss. This will give leaders an idea on what topics are available for different age levels for their troops. Jean Schroder from the Kennebec Girl Scout Council will also do a day camp promotion. If any of these programs are of interest, please plan to attend.

The annual Winter Fun Day will be on Feb. 19 at Black Mountain. Plan to bring your troop for a day of fun skiing, sledding and friendship. More information will be forthcoming.

Feb. 2 is Girl Scout Thinking Day. Plan an activity with your troop.

March 6 will be the Service/Unit Association meeting at the Franklin Savings Bank, Rumford, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a voting meeting so all registered adults are invited to attend.

Girl Scout week begins on March 11th with Girl Scout Sunday.

An outdoor skills training will be held on April 10th at the Virgin Memorial Chapel, Rumford at 6:30 p.m.

There are Junior Girl Scouts in the Bethel area who are in need of a leader. Any interested adult may call Donna Trundy at 389-0328 for more information.

## JOB OPENINGS LISTED

The following are job openings in the Bethel area:

Instrumentation Technician; Ski Instructor; Cafeteria Manager; Census Worker; Cashier; Receptionist; Office Helper; Cafeteria Worker; Cook; Housekeeper; Lift Attendant; Lift Operator; Child Care Attendant; Ski Patrolter; Building and Grounds Maintenance; Garment Assembler; Parking Lot Attendant; Snow Maker.

For more information on these and other job openings, contact the Maine Job Service office, at 35 Congress St., Rumford, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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## THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Salvador"					H's Heroes	M*A*S*H	Elsewhere
(4)	Rendezvous	Monitor	Secrets of Nature	Beyond 2000			Nature	Orphans	Chronicles	Pradators
(5)	Scarecrow/King		Movie: "The Tin Star"				700 Club		Hardcastle	
(6)	Cosby	Night Court	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Dear John	L.A. Law	News	Tonight	
(8)	Affair	Boss?	Father Dowling	Young Riders			Primetime Live	News	Nightline	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		MaineWatch Maine	Mystery!			Sandbaggers	Mother	Two's Co.	
(11)	Sheriff	Day by Day	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Prescription for Murder"				Spenser: For Hire		
(12)	VideoCountry		Church St.	Crook	Nashville Now		On Stage	Church St.	Crook	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	48 Hours		Island Son		Knots Landing	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie: "Ordinary People"				WPIX News USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner	
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			CNN News	Moneyline	Sports	
(18E)	Movie: "Clash of the Titans"			Movie: "The Karate Kid, Part Two"				Movie: "Moving"		
(20G)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Winnipeg Jets at Boston Bruins						College Basketball: Wash. at Ariz.		
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Monster Trucks	Auto Racing: Thompson				College Basketball: Kansas at Wichita State		SportsCtr.	
(22)	Jeffersons	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks					Movie: "Which Way Is Up?"			
(23J)	MoneyTalk	Amer.Entr.	Profit	Insiders	Business Tonight		Focus	Amer.Entr.	Profit	MoneyTalk
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote	Boxing: Anthony Boyle vs. Julian Solis						
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	Vic. at Sea	Eagle-Bear	Amer. Playwrights		Phoenix Dance	Improv	Blackadder	
(29P)	"Kiddo"	Movie: "The Monster Squad"		Movie: "The Presidio"						
(31R)	"Russkies"	Cont'd	Movie: "Tom Thumb"				Movie: "Something Wicked This Way Comes"			
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Movie: "Passions"				News	Comedy	Comedy	
(34U)	A & C	Night Court	College Basketball: Wisconsin at Illinois				News	USA Ton.	Comedy	Hill Street

## FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The In-Laws"					H's Heroes	M*A*S*H	Elsewhere
(4)	Rendezvous	Monitor	Bill Burrud's Animals	American Album			Women	Look East	Wilderness Journal	
(5)	Scarecrow/King		Movie: "Pony Express"				700 Club		Zorro	Bordertown
(6)	Cosby	Night Court	Baywatch		True Blue		Mancuso FBI	News	Tonight	
(8)	Affair	Boss?	Full House	Family	Strangers	Ten of Us	20/20	News	Nightline	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Great Performances				Served	
(11)	Sheriff	Day by Day	Movie: "Mrs. Delafeld Wants to Marry"				Molly Dodd	Molly Dodd	Spenser: For Hire	
(12)	VideoCountry		Church St.	Crook	Nashville Now			Rock	Church St.	Crook
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Max Monroe				Falcon Crest	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie: "Silver Bears"				WPIX News USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner	
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			CNN News	Moneyline	Sports	
(18E)	"Moonstruck"	Cont'd	Movie: "9 to 5"				Movie: "Twins"			
(20G)	Sports	Rugby: U.S. vs. Ireland					Golf: Tucker Anthony		College Basketball	
(21H)	SportsCtr.	Ski World	Skiing: U.S. Pro Tour	Snow	Sports	Adventure: Great Amer.	SpeedWeek		SportsCtr.	
(22)	Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "Adventures of the Wilderness Family"				NWA Wrestling		Night Tracks	
(23J)	MoneyTalk	Amer.Entr.	Profit	Insiders	Business Tonight		Focus	Amer.Entr.	Profit	MoneyTalk
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote	Hitchhiker	Bradbury		Hitchhiker	Hitchcock	Miami Vice	
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	Footsteps	Everything You Always Wanted to Know...			Pia Zadora at the Improv			
(29P)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Screwball Hotel"				Movie: "Hamburger... The Motion Picture"		Creepshow	
(31R)	Movie: "Little Miss Broadway"		Superman	Movie: "The Great Waldo Pepper"				"Murder, She Said"		
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Movie: "Making Mr. Right"				News	Comedy	Comedy	
(34U)	A & C	Night Court	Movie: "Fool for Love"				News	USA Ton.	Comedy	Hill Street

## SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	St. Elsewhere		Movie: "The Andromeda Strain"						Movie: "Outland"	
(4)	Natural	Natural	Challenge	Wings			Vietnam		TDC-TV	
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	T and T	Movie: "Teacher's Pet"					TBA	Scarecrow/King	
(6)	Family Ties	Cosby	227	Amen	Golden G.	Empty Nest	Hunter	News	NAACP	
(8)	Star Search		Mission: Impossible		Movie: "Kojak: Flowers for Matty"				Byron Allen	
(10)	Maine	Know Me.	Wish Me Luck		Doctor Who		Exit 13	Dick Tracy Meets G.		
(11)	Movie: "Behind Enemy Lines"				HeartBeat		Molly Dodd	Equipe	Spenser: For Hire	
(12)	Kitchen	Wk./Music	Grand Opry	Grand Opry	Country Comedy Hour		With Dinah	CountryClips	Rock	
(13)	Fortune	Win, Lose	Paradise		Tour of Duty		Sat. Night/Connie Chung	News	American	
(16C)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie				USA Ton.	At Movies	H'mooner	Star Trek
(17D)	Capital	Sports Sat.	PrimeNews	Showbiz	In Japan		CNN News	Capital	Sports	
(18E)	"Gorillas in the Mist"		Movie: "The Running Man"					Movie: "The Beast"		
(20G)	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins							College Basketball: St. John's at Boston College		
(21H)	SportsCtr.	NFL	College Basketball: Loyola Marymount at LaSalle				Billiards: 9-Ball	NFL	SportsCtr.	
(22)	Championship Wrestling		Movie: "Rio Lobo"					U.S. Olympic Gold	Night Tracks	
(23J)	Sports Newsweek		Sports Newsweek					Final Score		
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney Tunes	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	On the TV	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice		Movie: "Great Alligator"				Hitchhiker	Hitchcock	Movie: "Rebel High"	
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	Biography		Movie: "Between the Lines"				At the Improv	
(29P)	"Funny Farm" Cont'd		Movie: "Tequila Sunrise"				Robert Townsend III		Movie: "Caddyshack"	
(31R)	Movie: "The Journey of Natty Gann"				Movie: "The Time Machine"				Ready Gol	Disorderly
(32S)	Kate & Allie	It's a Living	NBA Basketball: New Jersey Nets at Atlanta Hawks				News	Barney M.	Freddy	
(34U)	A & C	Fortune	H's Heroes	College Basketball: Loyola at DePaul			News	USA Ton.	What Price	

## SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 7, 1990

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres						Sports Spcl	Fri. the 13th Series	War of the Worlds	
(4)	Nature of Things		Cry of Reason				Movie: "The Secret World of Reptiles"		Wings	
(5)	Rin Tin Tin	T and T	Oceans	Snapshots	In Touch		Ben Haden	Ankerberg	L. Ogilvie	Win. Walk
(6)	Magical World of Disney		Ann Jillian	Sister Kate	Drug Wars: The Camarena Story				News	Sports
(8)	Life Goes On		Free Spirit		Movie: "Heartbreak Ridge"					
(10)	Austin City Limits		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Mystery!		Wish Me Luck	
(11)	Milestones	Milestones	Physician's Jnl	Cardiology	Intrnl Med	OB/Gyn	Family	Ortho.	Intrnl Med	
(12)	American Sports Cavalcade		Racing	Bill Dance	Outdoors	Bassmastr.	Speed	Truckin'		
(13)	60 Minutes		Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "Murder in Black and White"				Crazy/Fox	
(16C)	Movie Cont'd		Star Search		Rich & Famous		USA Ton.	At Movies	Cheers	Star Trek
(17D)	Newsweek	Sport Sun.	PrimeNews		Week in Review		News		Business	Sports
(18E)	"Barefoot in the Park"		Movie: "Plaza Suite"					Movie: "Moving"		"Twins"
(20G)	College Basketball: Oregon State at California				Sports	Ski World	Skiing	Outdoors	Fishing	Fishing
(21H)	SportsCtr.	NFL	Karate: Welterweight Ch.		Boxing: Williams vs. Swindell				SportsCenter	
(22)	Movie: "Return of the Bad Men"				National Geographic		Cousteau's Rediscovery		Future	Beauty
(23J)	Sports Newsweek		Sports Newsweek							
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney Tunes			Gr. Acres	On the TV	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Movie: "The Forgotten"				Equalizer		Diamonds		Miami Vice	
(27N)	Africa		Around the World		Legend of King Arthur		Chris De Burgh Concert		Caroline's Comedy Hour	
(29P)	"Just One of the Guys"		Movie: "The January Man"				Movie: "Dead Man Out"		Movie: "Talk Radio"	
(31R)	Movie: "Mogambo"				Ready Gol	Ready Gol		Movie: "Father Was a Fullback"		Man With.
(32S)	Movie: "Coming Home"				Benny Hill	News	Benny Hill		Paid Program	
(34U)	Son-Rise		Movie: "Wayward Girl"		Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop"				Monsters	Theater

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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 8, 1990										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Northwest Mounted Police"				H's Heroes		M*A*S*H	Elsewhere
(4)	Rendezvous	Monitor	AC Clarke	Adventure	Safari	America Coast to Coast			Challenge	
(5)	Scarecr./King	Movie: "The Family Jewels"					700 Club	Hardcastle		
(6)	Cosby	Night Court	ALF	Hogans	Drug Wars: The Camarena Story			News	Carson	
(7)	Affair	Boss?	MacGyver	Movie: "Rock Hudson"				News	No Place	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Mathnet: Swami Scan	Moyers: A Gathering of Men			Dan Rather		McLaughlin	Nightline	
(11)	Sheriff	Day by Day	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Grand Larceny"					Spenser: For Hire	
(12)	VideoCountry	Church St.	Crook	Elvis: The Echo			Elvis: The Fans	Elvis: Heart & Soul		
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Major Dad	Teddy Z	Murphy B.	Design. W.	Newhart	Doctor	News	Pat Sajak
(16C)	Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie			WPIX News USA Ton.			Cheers	H'mooner
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			CNN News	Moneyline	Sports	
(18E)	"In Harm's Way" Cont'd	Movie: "The Man Who Would Be King"					Movie: "The Last Detail"			
(20G)	College Basketball: Jacksonville at Florida State				College Basketball: James Madison at Richmond				Fight Night at the Forum	
(21H)	SportsCtr.	College Basketball: Georgetown at Pittsburgh			College Basketball: Michigan at Indiana				SportsCtr.	
(22)	Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "The Final Countdown"			Cousteau's Rediscovery		Cousteau's Rediscovery		
(23J)	MoneyTalk	Amer.Entr.	Profit	Insiders	Business Tonight	Focus	Amer.Entr.	Profit	MoneyTalk	
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote			Prime Time Wrestling			Miami Vice		
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	Life on Earth			Miss Marple	Peter Wimsey		At the Improv	
(29P)	"Six Pack"	Babar	Movie: "Young Sherlock Holmes"					Movie: "The Accidental Tourist"		
(31R)	Hockey	Barjo Cat	Anne of Green Gables			Movie: "The Crimson Pirate"			Ozzie	"Help!"
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	Infinite Voyage			It Takes a Thief		News	Comedy	Comedy
(34U)	A & C	Night Court	Infinite Voyage			Standup: Comedy		News	USA Ton.	Hill Street

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 9, 1990										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	College Basketball: Notre Dame at Boston College				Hockey	M*A*S*H	Elsewhere	
(4)	Rendezvous	Monitor	The Black Museum		Beyond 2000		Crime Inc.		American Album	
(5)	Scarecrow/King	Movie: "Money From Home"					700 Club		Hardcastle	
(6)	Cosby	Night Court	Matlock	Drug Wars: The Camarena Story			News			
(7)	Affair	Boss?	Boss?	Wonder Y.	Roseanne	Coach	thirtysomething		News	Nightline
(8)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Day by Day	American Experience			Rukyer's Money Guide		Foxy Lady	Travel Mag.	
(11)	Sheriff	Life	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Guilty Conscience"			Spenser: For Hire		Travel	
(12)	VideoCountry	Church St.	Crook	Nashville Now			On Stage	Church St.	Crook	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Rescue 911	Movie: "La Bamba"			News		Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie		WPIX News			USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			CNN News	Moneyline	Sports	
(18E)	American-Emily	Movie: "Clara's Heart"					Movie: "Gorillas in the Mist"			
(20G)	Eagles 90	Big East	College Basketball: Seton Hall at Providence			Women's Basketball: Georgetown at BC				
(21H)	SportsCtr.	College Basketball: Ark-Little Rock at Okla.			College Basketball: Georgia at Alabama			SportsCtr.		
(22)	Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "Perry Mason Returns"			Movie: "Ironside"				
(23J)	MoneyTalk	Amer.Ent.	Profit	Insiders	Business Tonight		Focus	Amer.Ent.	Profit	MoneyTalk
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote			Movie: "Stone Cold Dead"			Miami Vice		
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	Biography			Movie: "Who's That Knocking at My Door?"			At the Improv	
(29P)	Reno Williams	Movie: "Fuzzy Farm"			Movie: "Screwball Hotel"					
(31R)	Mouseltrap	Don't Eat Pictures: Sesame Street			Movie: "Murder on the Orient Express"			"Spinout"		
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	It Takes a Thief		Run for Your Life		News	Comedy		Comedy
(34U)	A & C	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons			News		USA Ton.	Comedy		Hill Street

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 1990										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Goin' South"				H.'s Heroes	M*A*S*H	St. Else.	
(4)	Rendezvous	Monitor	Wildlife	Predators	Wings	Survival	Hollywood	Safari		
(5)	Scarecrow/King	Movie: "The Delicate Delinquent"					700 Club	Hardcastle		
(6)	Cosby	College Basketball: Maine vs. Vermont				Quantum Leap	News	Tonight		
(8)	Affair	Boss?	Gro. Pains	Head Class.	Doogie H.	Anything	China Beach	News	Nightline	
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer	National Geographic			Living on a Landfill	The Gorilla	Neighbors	Hot Metal	The Twain	
(11)	Sheriff	Day by Day	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Doing Life"				Spenser: For Hire		
(12)	VideoCountry	With Dinah	Crook	Nashville Now			On Stage	With Dinah	Crook	
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Beauty and the Beast	Jake and the Fatman			Wiseguy	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C)	Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie				WPIX News	USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner
(17D)	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live			CNN News	Moneyline	Sports	
(18E)	"Moon Over Parador"	Movie: "Clash of the Titans"					Movie: "Big Trouble in Little China"			
(20G)	College Hockey: Lowell at New Hampshire					College Basketball: Iowa State at Houston			Basketball	
(21H)	College Basketball: St. John's at Syracuse					College Basketball: North Carolina at Maryland			Motorweek	
(22)	Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "The Magnificent Seven"					"Guns of the Magnificent Seven"		
(23J)	MoneyTalk	Amer.Entr.	Profit	Insiders	Business Tonight	Focus	Amer.Entr.	Profit	MoneyTalk	
(24K)	In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons
(26M)	Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote			Movie: "The Haunting of Sarah Hardy"			Miami Vice		
(27N)	Wilderness	Survival	World War II 20th Cent.			Why We Fight	Living Dangerously		Ernie Hudson	
(29P)	"Winners Take All"			Movie: "Tequila Sunrise"			1st & Ten		Life of Crime	
(31R)	Magic	Danger Bay	Movie: "Spoonster"			Seoul '88: 16 Days of Glory				
(32S)	Cosby	Kate & Allie	It Takes a Thief			Run for Your Life		News	Comedy	Comedy
(34U)	A & C	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers				News	USA Ton.	Comedy	Comedy	Hill Street

## Newry

By GIL SEELEY

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom and family visited Amy Hanscom at Rumford Community Hospital and Roger Hanscom at Coyton recently. Miss Darcie Baker was an overnight guest of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cummings of Bethel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker, Darcie and Darren spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cummings in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom, Jay, Adam, Eric and Kelsie, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom and Nancy. Other family members present: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hanscom and Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. David Hanscom, Becky and Davey and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings.

While we were attending our snowmobile Christmas party at the Municipal Building last Thursday evening Dec. 22nd we could hear the noise of a snow blower in back of the building. Guess who was there? None other than Brad Wight, one of our young fathers (fathers) cleaning up a space to flood for a skating rink so that the kids of Newry could have a safe place to skate. The young Newry fathers are busy doing things for their children. Watch out Newry Mother's Club members, we could have a Father's Club to compete with!

All I heard on television and radio for the past few weeks was music "Peace on Earth" while the people were killing each other all over the world. That puzzles me. I guess some people don't hear the music!

It was 4' below at my place Sunday morning around 7 a.m. Helen Morton said it was 29' below at her place.

The Newry Mother's Club will meet Jan. 8 at 7:30 at the Municipal Building.

Karlene and Regg Bachelder, Julia Goodman and Gil Seeley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Littlefield and their children, Julie and Jodie, Monday noon the 29th for lunch and opening of presents.

The Newry selectmen have been invited to lead the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 3rd in Newry Northern Ireland. The invitation was conveyed by Catherine Donnelly who recently visited its namesake.

Brent Bachelder, Terry O'Dowd of Providence, R.I., Michelle O'Donnell of Connecticut, Paul Josephson of West Germany, Julia Goodman of Belfast, Jodie and Julie Littlefield of Bethel and Gil Seeley of Newry were guests of Regg and Karlene Bachelder Monday evening for dinner and opening of gifts. Then again Tuesday noon for a Christmas lunch. Linda Yates dropped in for greetings to her friends.

Sylvia Wight and I attended services at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel Sunday the 24th and enjoyed the renewal of the birth of Jesus and also heard the morning bell choir. Guests of Sylvia and Bill Wight over the Christmas holidays were: Steve and Marlene Wight and family of Old Town; David and Jan Wight and family of Milford; Bill Strauss and daughter, also Gretchen Wight of North Waterford. All enjoyed a feast and opening of gifts.



PIZZA, FAMILY STYLE—Maurice and Donna Miller are the new owners of the Ring Down Deli, on Rt. 26 in Bryant Pond. The Millers plan to keep the deli's name and much of its line of food, but they are expanding its hours: to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Kenny (standing), Jennifer and Brian Miller plan to help their parents all they can—especially sampling the pizza and other goodies.

## CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks to Jack Brooks, the Bethel Fire Department, David Brown, family and friends for responding to our call for help Christmas night. Thanks to Kevin, Kim, Georgia, Karen, Greg, Joe, Rachel and Crystal for giving their Dad a Corona heater for Christmas. Your care and concern is appreciated.

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## Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

This morning giant shadows moved and danced like monsters ready to spring. The winter landscape and towering mountains seemed like a gigantic mural.

Outside there was the creak of the snow, as I walked to my mail box. The air was cold, -10°, still with the tangy crispness of winter. Such sparkling pristine of pure white!

To my right I caught a glimpse of motion. Then a little grayish brown head appeared above the snow. A gray squirrel with beady eyes was peering beneath the snow, where he had made a hole to shelter himself. Up and down the little head popped. I walked on and he came out little by little and headed for the sunflower seeds. There were three others ahead of him, but he got his share. One little red squirrel got very little although he tried hard.

All this was beauty soft and strange, in which I had a part. The bright, the white, the delightful change was mirrored in my heart.

These questions came to me on this winter's morning: who left these emeralds on the snow, small and bright? Who scattered treasures in the dark, then, careless, went away?

I looked down to the highest point of land by the water. I thought about the time that I climbed up there. Up from the water the bluff rose boldly. Rays of pale sunlight sent threads of color on the snow which covered it today. Through the crystal coated trees here and there, a stately pine could be seen overlooking the pond.

December is closing with a snow-white collar. The hills are filled with eider-down stuffs. All the eaves have petticoats showing. The air is cold and the wiles hum, but you feel all warm inside for a new year is coming.

Here in Greenwood City, Christmas was a pretty and happy time. There was a wedding at the home of Zilpha DiArenzo. Her daughter became the bride of Kenneth Cox. Members of the family attended.

Eva Felton and daughter, Kathy, enjoyed their Christmas with Lucy and son Tommy Bragg. John Curtis joined them.

Rena Curtis had most of her children and grandchildren at her home. Four grandsons are with her for the week. Nick Strait, Troy Cogswell, Fred and Timmy Curtis. A nephew, Louie Cogswell was with them on Christmas day.

I was at the farm with all of the Holt families. There were 12 of us.

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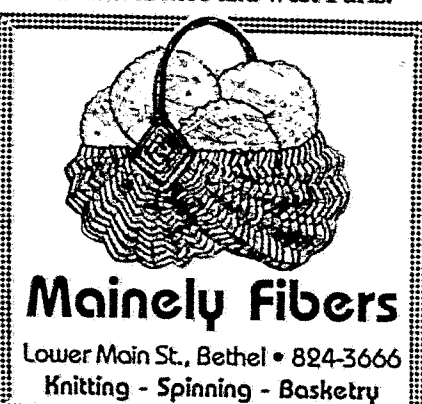


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## So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

James Miclon and family were in Buckfield Sunday at his father's Ray Miclon's home for the Christmas get-together of their families. His brother was home from California and sister's family from Massachusetts were present also.

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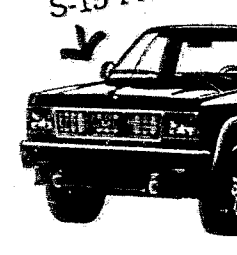
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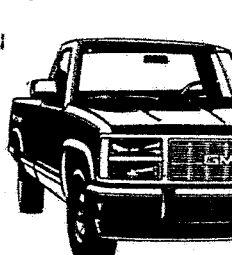
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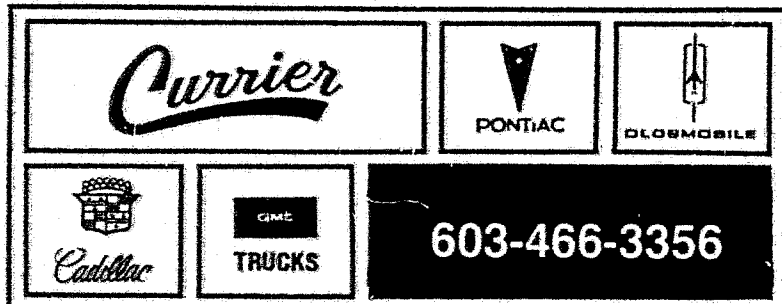
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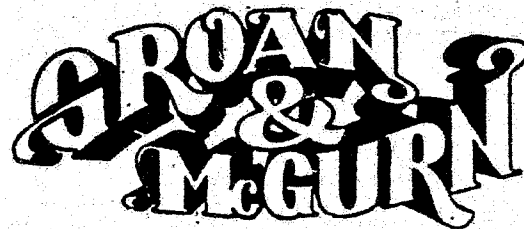
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## High Street West Paris

By VIVA WHITMAN

A snowy morning outside as I sit down to type but thank the Lord we had a good day for Christmas and for our family. We had a marvelous time with many of the family there.

We met at Wyona and Michael Woolf's new home in Auburn with 17 to set tables for. Present were the Woolf family of Bonnie, Mike, Cori, Karla; Wendell, Viola and Toby Whitman; James and Helen Strout; Bryce and Barbara Yates; Bernard and Laura Hutchins; Peggy, Russell and myself as well as we had asked Charlotte Cole to join us and she did.

We had the tree before having a bountiful dinner and what lovely gifts all received. No one was left without gifts which was so nice. I had gone down to Wyona's home the day before to help her prepare for the congregation of family and friends and while she went to the store to help Mike with the coal I got vegetables ready for the feast. We had Christmas dinner. By putting the veggies in plastic bags they kept good to cook for Christmas dinner. I had made pies at home to be brought and Peggy had made a pie. Viola brought a lovely tossed salad and Barbara brought a lovely gelatin vegetable salad to go along with the rest. With pickles and olives to complement the meal, there was a good selection of foods and plenty for everyone to enjoy which they did.

In the afternoon we had a sing fest as we call it. Charlotte had brought her guitar and Laura had brought her accordion so between them, we had some real nice music consisting of Christmas songs, country western songs and good old fashioned songs as well as hymns. I don't know about all the rest but my voice was hoarse when we finished. We all marveled at the way Wyona can sing high with her soprano voice. All in all, I would say everyone there had a good time or sure put on a good act about having a good time. What a lovely day for all of us!

I hope everyone of my readers had a good day also. I wish everyone could be as fortunate as we were to have that kind of get-together.

Sunday, the day before Christmas, we enjoyed a Christmas party with Lawrence and Grace Yates' family at their home next door. They had breakfast for all and then the tree which held gifts for all. Russell and I didn't attend the breakfast but enjoyed the company of all when we went up to have the tree and some time with all there. Present were the host and hostess, Lawrence and Grace Yates, Eva Dunbar (Polly) Beverly and Arden Andrews, Hilda Taylor, Alvin, Patricia, Misty and Karen Yates; Polly's children, Deborah and Garry Dyer with children Elizabeth and Amanda; Cynthia and Peter Amsten and Rebecca; Thomas and Gail Walsanen and Christopher and Matthew; Beverly and Arden's children James and Jennifer.

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Andrews; Hilda's daughter Clarissa and Kenneth Tripp with Seth; Peggy, Russell and I. Made a mistake as Kenneth Tripp had to work that day and couldn't be there, so there were 28 present. I know the living room and kitchen were pretty well taken up with folks. A good time was had by all with plenty of food left for nibbling.

I had to leave the party there a little early and come home to pack and get ready for Bonnie to come for me and had just gotten ready when she appeared. She and I did a lot at her home before she went to the store to help Michael with whatever she could. I got the girls their supper and did what I could. We had the tables all set for Christmas day so accomplished a lot.

I just hope everyone had as good a time as I did and was as well remembered. I can start doing things for next Christmas now and will as soon as I can get ready to. Got things in my mind for some and try to keep my fingers busy to keep out of mischief. With my new sewing machine I guess I can keep busy for a while, that is for sure.

Was at the doctors a time or two this past week for help as well as going shopping for last minute items as most folks do. It is always a scramble to get things done at the last minute and someone is forgotten if one isn't careful.

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## Obituaries

### RALPH E. REMINGTON

Ralph E. Remington, 88, of 15 Georgian Way, York, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 1989 at York Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Framingham, Mass., son of Henry E. and Annie Webster Remington.

He was a shipwright at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, for many years. Mr. Remington was an honorary member of the York Beach Fire Department and a past president of the Mobile Home Association of Winter Haven, Fla.

His wife, Ruth Hutchins Remington, died May 31, 1987.

Surviving are five sons, Edward R. of Livermore, Francis E. and Harold, both of Lovewell, Colo., Stanley W. of Fayette and Robert M. of York; three daughters, Arlene Harrington of East Bethel, Kathleen DeVona of Skowhegan and Charmaine Cote of Farmington, N.H.; and many grand- and great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held at 11 a.m. Monday, at the Lucas and Ebers Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Road. The Rev. Patricia Brong officiated. Burial will be in the Spring in First Parish Cemetery.

### EVelyn H. CORBETT

Evelyn H. Corbett, 74, of West Paris died Saturday at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

She was born at Sumner, Feb. 9, 1915, the daughter of Harold Hollis and Martha McPherson. She was educated in West Paris Schools and she was a laithe operator for Penley Wood Products. She also ran Eve's Coffee Shop for several years in West Paris.

She lived in the area all of her life and in 1936 she married Windsor Abbott. He died Feb. 10, 1968. She then married William Corbett in August 1968. He died in January 1980.

Survivors include a son, Bruce Abbott of Bryant Pond; two daughters, Gloria Hicks of Norway and Cynthia Scott of West Paris; a sister, Lois Corbett of South Paris; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Lloyd Abbott of South Paris, who died in 1983.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at Wayside Cemetery in West Paris. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tri-Town Rescue, West Paris. Arrangements are under the direction of Andrews Funeral Home, West Paris.

### ERMA M. BUCKLEY

Mrs. Erma Marshall Buckley, 84, of 69 Evans St., Gorham, N.H., died Sunday at a Lancaster, N.H., hospital.

She was born in Upton, June 21, 1906, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Brown Marshall. She moved to Dunsmuir, N.H., and later moved to Bethel, Maine. She was a 1922 graduate of Gould Academy. She was payroll clerk at Tebbets Mill, Locke Mills, until her marriage to Emmet Buckley in 1937. She was a member of the White Mountain League and the Gorham Congregational Church. Survivors include one son, Ronald Buckley, N.H.; one brother, Richard Marshall of Concord, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Bryant Funeral Home, Gorham, N.H. with interment in the Lary Cemetery.

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## A week in the life

of HILLARY HARRISON

Hi! How's everybody doing? Have a good New Year? I know I did. The night of Dec. 24 my parents gave my whole family concert tickets to the New Kids on the Block concert and Thursday night we went, it was so awesome. They put off firecrackers and sang a lot of their songs.

Santa was very good to me this year. He brought me a lot of sweaters, three board games, and in indoor basketball thing that you hang on your door. I got glow in the dark star stickers that I stuck to my walls and ceiling.

My cousin came up to Maine from Louisiana. She will be staying for a week. My mom surprised my dad with a ping pong table this year and he loves it.

This vacation went by really fast. I didn't do anything special besides the concert of course, I went skiing at Mt. Abram most of the time. And if I wasn't skiing, I was sleeping. This year my New Year resolution is to be more responsible at things and remembering to think twice before doing things. Well, I hope you all had a very good year. We will see you later.

## Births

Gerald and Alberta Broomhall, of Locke Mills, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Gavin Roddy Broomhall, born on Dec. 14, 1989 at 10:23 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs, 16 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Albert and Lucia Smith of Locke Mills. Paternal grandparents are Geneva and Joseph Raymond of Rumford and Robert and Dianne Broomhall of Suffolk, Va.

Arnold and Christine Penney, of Rumford Point, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Stephen Willis Penney, born on Dec. 19, 1989 at 2:46 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Lewis and Noella Harris of Milford, Conn. Paternal grandparents are Katherine and the late Willis Penney of Hanover. Stephen joins a sister Elizabeth age 7 and a brother Joshua age 5.

Edward and Lori McPherson, of Rumford Point, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Cody Ross McPherson, born on Dec. 18, 1989 at 5:30 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Malcolm and Barbara Gross of Hanover. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Angie McPherson of Hanover.

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE Pastor's Study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words, comfort and help for your daily life.

In our family picture album for 1989 are two snapshots, taken 24 hours apart, of the four of us standing in front of the Brandenburg Gate. One is taken from the east, the other from the west.

It seems an odd setting for a smiling family portrait, yet it was the site our friends in both East and West Berlin chose for picture-taking, the Gate being so strong a symbol for all Germans.

What a joy it was, just before Christmas, to see pictures of the opening of the Berlin Wall at that very spot, signifying a new opening of hope and resolve. A Christmas letter from an East German church friend says, "It is a miracle to us. We didn't think that we in our generation would experience that. We are overwhelmed and surprised how quickly many things are changing in this country."

She goes on, "We don't know yet if we will succeed in changing the structures thoroughly, though it is exactly that process which is necessary to become really a democracy."

She and her family, all ministers, have long been holding firmly to principles of truth and justice. The walls of German churches have been walls of heaven, inside which people have spoken clearly and addressed the repression in the country. Now, people of the East German churches are deeply involved in building up new citizen initiatives to preserve freedoms and encourage changes, such as schools free of socialist ideology.

Perhaps we, for whom freedom is assumed, will never completely understand the struggles which people of faith in the Eastern bloc and so many other places have undergone. Nor will we fully sense their mixture of euphoria and apprehension as they begin working more openly to create a better society.

What I would hope is that we realize how important it is for them to know that they are in community with fellow believers here and in all places in the world.

In her letter, our friend expresses her gratitude for our interest in their situation. Our concern, faith and prayers are vital to our brothers and sisters who work for justice and peace.

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